

In another example of media groups abusing their access to public airwaves, Pappas Telecasting Companies' is 'donating' \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas.

This abuse is one reason why I have just about stopped watching television and have begun to rely on internet radio for my information.

I am especially concerned right now because, in an election season, local audiences should be offered a fair and equal debate -- and opposing parties should not be forced to "purchase" an equal amount of response time. This must be stopped!

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.